(c) The Central Excise Collectorate, Pune has registered a case of evasion of central excise duty against a computer manufacturer, who is alleged to have evaded central excise duty by misdeclaration of the assessable value of their products. The company is also alleged to have removed without payment of central excise duty some peripherals and basic software items.

Resort-cum-free Port in Andaman Islands

@1542. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE:

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the move to have a resort-cum-free port in the Andaman Islands on the demand of some non-resident Indians is likely to endanger the natural, ecological and ethnic balances of the area;

(b) whether Government propose to open up other areas for non-resident Indians for their use in lieu of this area; and

(c) what benefits are likely to accrue to the Islanders by converting it into a resort-cum-free port by non-resident Indians?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) The environmental impact of the proposal for creation of Resort-cum-free port in Andaman Islands can be assessed only after a specific site has been proposed and the details of the proposal formulated, which has not yet been done.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The benefits accruing as a result of the establishment of resort-cum-free port can be determined only after the project is formulated and different aspects examined.

@Previously Unstarred Question 502, transferred from the 27th February, 1986.

Criteria for bonk loans

1543. SHRI NEPALDEV BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the criteria for selecting individuals for bank loans disbursed through loan melas;

(b) whether certification from State Government authorities is necessary in such cases;

(c) what is the ratio of recovery of such loans so far; and

(d) whether the burden of non-recovery of such loans rests with the disbursing authorities or with the area concerned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) There is no separate criteria for selecting individuals for bank loans disbursed in credit camps. The banks have been advised to follow proper procedure of identification, sanction and appraisal while sanctioning of all loans, including those disbursed in credit camps.

(b) The credit camps are organised by the functionaries of the bank. Wherever there is cooperation from the concerned State Government the beneficiaries under poverty alleviation programme and State sponsored schemes also get adequate benefit from these camps.

(c) and (d) No separate monitoring of number of such functions amount distributed and recovered in respect of such loans is considered feasible or necessary. Thus ratio of recovery of such loans is not being monitored separately. The consequences of non-recovery of loan are the same irrespective of the fact whether the loans were disbursed in a credit camp or otherwise.

Export of Tea and Coffee

1544. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of tea and coffee exported during the last two years;

(b) whether there has been any increase/decrease in export of tea & coffee during the year 1985 and also during the current year; and

(c) if there has been decrease in exports of these items, what steps have been taken by Government to encourage their exports?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) Export of tea and coffee for the last two years was as follows:—

(in tonnes)

Year	Exports of Tea	Exports of Coffee
1984 . . .	2,17,000	65,000
1985 . . .	2,22,000	89,377

(b) There has been an increase in the export of tea and coffee during 1985. In 1986, export performance is expected to be even better.

(c) Does not arise.

Foreign tourists

1545. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign visitors who visited the country during the year 1985 and the comparative figures for the years 1984 and 1983; and

(b) the quantum of foreign exchange earned on account of foreign visitors from 1983 to 1985?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) The number of foreign tourists, excluding nationals of Pakistan and Bangladesh who visited India during the last 3 years are as given below:—

Year	Tourist Arrivals
1983	884,731
1984	835,503
1985	836,908

On the basis of financial years the tourist arrivals have been on the following order (excluding those from Pakistan and Bangladesh)

Financial year-wise Tourist Arrivals

1982-83	865,139
1983-84	905,980
1984-85	801,336
1985-86 (Upto Jan.' 86)	705,091

(b) As per the information available from the Resereve Bank of India, the comparable estimates of foreign exchange earnings from tourism for the last 3 years are as under:—

Year	Rs. crores
1982-83	1,130·6
1983-84	1,225·0
1984-85	1,300·0(P)

(P) Provisional

Export Promotion Councils

1546. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names and addresses of the various Export Promotion Councils;